

TRIBUTE TO SPECIALIST KENNETH  
ALAN "KENNY" MELTON

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2004*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero. Specialist Kenneth Alan "Kenny" Melton was killed when the convoy he was riding in was hit by a roadside bomb and small fire by insurgents near Baghdad. Specialist Melton was 30 years old.

Specialist Melton joined the Army in 1992 and served in Iraq as a member of the Arkansas National Guard's 39th Infantry Brigade. He was following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, who also served their country in the Army. His service is a testament to his dedication to the spirit of this nation and should be admired and respected.

Despite his notable dedication to his country, he was a husband and a father first. A son, a brother and a friend to the community, Specialist Melton was a very positive young man with an overwhelming sense of patriotism.

We can ask nothing greater from a human being than to anonymously fight to help people they may have never met. To die for the freedom of others may not carry with it an adequate expression to illustrate the debt it generates. Specialist Melton has the respect of those whose lives he touched, and, now, grieving family and friends who I offer my deepest sympathies.

Specialist Melton will be remembered for his honor, his mettle, his bravery and his commitment to his family, his God and his country. On behalf of the Congress, I extend my utmost respect for a fine American, a loving father, husband and son, and the perfect model of a patriot.

RECOGNIZING CLAY/PLATTE  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2004*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the members of the Clay/Platte Development Corporation who are meeting today to celebrate the past years' successes. They represent the kind of community leadership that is necessary for strong and thriving communities.

Established in 1982, in conjunction with the Clay County EDC, its mission is to provide economic development assistance to businesses in Platte and Clay counties. By proactively seeking businesses and providing them with much needed capital, the Clay/Platte Development Corporation is a cornerstone for business growth in the Northland.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in commending both the past and present members of the Clay/Platte Development Corporation. Their contributions to the people of Missouri's Sixth District are important and commendable.

RECOGNIZING BENEFITS AND IM-  
PORTANCE OF SCHOOL-BASED  
MUSIC EDUCATION

SPEECH OF

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004*

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support House Concurrent Resolution 408, which congratulates the University of Denver for winning the 2004 NCAA Men's Hockey championship. DU's national title, its first since 1969, came against the top-ranked Maine Black Bears, in a nail-biter that stunned the collegiate hockey world.

The championship game on Saturday, April 10, 2004 was college hockey at its best. I watched as the Pioneers took an early lead with a goal by Gabe Gauthier in the first period. The rest of the game was a scoreless defensive struggle. Hockey fans from the Rocky Mountains to the New England coast held their breath during the excruciating final two minutes of the game. In a sequence only fitting for the nationally televised season finale, Maine secured a Power Play while trailing Denver 1-0 when the Pioneers were assessed with two penalties, giving the Black Bears a two-man advantage. In the final minute of play, Maine pulled its goaltender to add another attacker, putting Denver at a 6-3 disadvantage. The clock slowly ticked down to zero, and DU emerged victorious, led by an extraordinary 24-save performance by goaltender Adam Berkhoel, who was named the NCAA Tournament's Most Outstanding Player. His shutout was only the third in the history of the championship game.

It was a great way to end the season for the seven seniors on the Pioneer team. The class of 2004 won more games at the University of Denver than any since the 1973 graduating seniors. Head Coach Geoge Gwozdecky is to be congratulated as well. He is the only person to ever win NCAA titles as a player, assistant coach, and head coach.

The Denver Post noted that the championship game between the University of Denver and the University of Maine was amazing because "they proved that two mid-sized universities can excel in one of the country's mainstay sports." This year's champion Pioneers added a sixth hockey championship to the university's fine athletic record, which includes a record 17 Division I ski team championships, and two titles for the women's gymnastic program. Not only does the University of Denver excel in athletics, it is a prestigious academic institution as well. U.S. News and World Report recently ranked three DU graduate programs among the country's best.

The championship is especially poignant, because the University of Denver hockey program tragically lost one of its most famed alumni just before Christmas last year. Keith Magnuson, the captain of the last DU team to capture the national title 35 years ago, was killed in a car accident just four months ago. Still active with the University, Magnuson regularly attended hockey games, gave locker room speeches to the team, and even played in the school's homecoming game this season. Following his death, the team dedicated the season to his memory, but no one could have imagined the success the team has enjoyed.

Mr. Speaker, I was proud to sponsor this bill, which congratulates the University of Denver 2004 championship hockey team. I am happy to report that the entire Colorado congressional delegation cosponsored H. Con. Res. 408. I also wish to congratulate the Maine Black Bears for an excellent season, and a hard fought championship game. I look forward to a victory celebration for the Pioneers at the U.S. Capitol. I thank the Speaker for bringing this bill to the floor and urge my colleagues to support me in congratulating the University of Denver.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
ARTHUR NAPARSTEK

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2004*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Professor Arthur Naparstek—devoted family man, caring professor, friend and mentor, and internationally known visionary in the area of urban development.

The son of Polish immigrants, Professor Naparstek was born and raised in New York City. He graduated with a master's degree in social work from New York University, and a doctorate from Brandeis University's Florence Heiler School of Advanced Studies in Social Welfare Administration. Professor Naparstek's professional commitment to economic and social justice began in the early sixties, when he worked as the assistant to Richard G. Hatcher, the first African American mayor of Gary, Indiana. Later, Professor Naparstek joined the National Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs in Washington, DC, and worked closely with Congress to create legislation focused on empowering our most vulnerable citizens—our poor.

As professor and Dean of the Case Western Reserve University School of Applied Social Sciences, Mr. Naparstek taught by example and served as an inspiration and mentor to countless students and instructors throughout his tenure. His acclaimed urban redevelopment projects and individual empowerment programs were sought by the administrations of President Carter and President Clinton. As director of the Cleveland Foundation's Commission on Poverty during the early 1990's, Professor Naparstek was instrumental in creating the redevelopment plan for several of Cleveland's most fragile neighborhoods. Because of his vision and heart, the shroud of decline has been lifted from our neighborhoods, illuminating the promise of restoration and possibility along many of our city streets.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, gratitude and remembrance of Professor Arthur C. Naparstek—an exceptional man, visionary, and leader whose life reflected accomplishment, caring and concern for others. I offer my deepest condolences to his beloved wife, Belleruth; his beloved children, Keila, Aaron, and Abe; and to his extended family and friends. His brilliant and flawless legacy—both personally and professionally will be remembered forever by family, friends and colleagues. Professor Naparstek's vision, heart and leadership will forever serve as a beacon of promise and hope throughout our community, and far beyond.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF O'FALLON, IL

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2004*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like my colleagues to join me in honoring the Sesquicentennial of one of the oldest communities in my congressional district, O'Fallon, Illinois.

The City of O'Fallon, Illinois was named in honor of Colonel John O'Fallon. Colonel O'Fallon was a soldier, businessman, real estate owner and public minded citizen. His father, James O'Fallon was a physician who came to this country shortly before the Revolutionary War and served as a surgeon in George Washington's Army. After the war, he went to Louisville, Kentucky where he met and married Frances Clark, a sister of George Rogers Clark and William Clark, army officers, who became famous during the Corps of Discovery exploration of the Louisiana Territory in 1804 and for later development of the Mississippi Valley.

Colonel John O'Fallon's father died when he was a child and he was reared and educated by his mother and uncles. With his army background, he became a soldier. He fought in the War of 1812, where he rose to the rank of Captain. After the war ended, O'Fallon became assistant Indian Agent to his Uncle William Clark of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Later he became a contractor, buying and selling Army supplies. He invested his money and became involved with the expanding railroad industry across the nation. He promoted the Missouri Pacific railroad, as well as the Wabash and B&O railroads. His involvement with railroads and the purchase of lands led him to become the namesake of both O'Fallon, Illinois and O'Fallon, Missouri.

Colonel O'Fallon purchased lands in an area north of St. Louis which lead to the development of the community of O'Fallon Park, Missouri. Always civic-minded, Colonel O'Fallon gave generously to St. Louis University and Washington University and also formed an institute which became the forerunner of today's St. Louis High Schools and the City of St. Louis' public library.

O'Fallon, Illinois was originally platted from lands surrounding the train depot and water tank built for the operation of the B&O railroad. Town lots were platted by Ernest Tiedemann under the direction of Frederick A. Carpenter and Hugh O. Sheerbarth. On May 18, 1854 these lots were sold at a public auction. John and Sarah Distler had erected a log cabin on the site in 1851, but the first house in O'Fallon was built by Anderson Umbarger in 1855. The first post office was established in 1855. O'Fallon was incorporated as a village on January 27, 1874.

A newly replicated depot stands near the site of the beginnings of this community. O'Fallon's early growth was due to the large coal mining industry in the region.

O'Fallon was also home to major businesses like Willard Stove, Tiedeman Milling and the Independent Engineering Company. O'Fallon also had abundant agricultural land which supported large farming operations.

Today, O'Fallon is a community of over 20,000 people. It continues to grow because

of its proximity to Scott Air Force Base and St. Louis. It sits astride I-64 and boasts three interchange exits where large commercial and retail developments are clustered. O'Fallon also is home to the O'Fallon Township High School, which is recognized as one of the top high schools in the region and the state of Illinois. The high school is also home to the Marching Panthers Band, which has won several national awards and is a regular participant in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City.

The City of O'Fallon continues the growth and development envisioned by Captain O'Fallon. The rail line he developed continues to run through the community delivering vital commerce and supplies to areas to the west.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the founding of the community and the people of the City of O'Fallon on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

**HONORING THE CAREER OF JAN  
McBRIDE**

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2004*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of a woman of our community as she prepares to retire from professional life. Jan McBride has spent a career in the service of health care delivery, and her imprimatur is throughout our region of Northwest Ohio.

Starting as a pediatric nurse, Jan McBride rose through the ranks of Toledo Hospital and its parent ProMedica Health System, and has been the President of Toledo Children's Hospital since 1998. A balance of compassion and business acumen has marked her tenure in the corporate structure. An engaging leader, Jan McBride has developed many people while moving the Toledo Hospital and ProMedica Health System forward.

Even while pursuing an extensive corporate schedule, Jan McBride has never neglected her civic responsibilities as a community citizen. She has gone "above and beyond" in her commitment to a variety of health, community, and business concerns, serving as an active officer of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's NW Ohio Chapter, the Hospital Council of NW Ohio, Junior Achievement of NW Ohio, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Lucas County ARC (Association of Retarded Citizens), the National Youth Sports Program, the Neighborhood Health Association, Ohio Children's Hospital Association, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Rotary Club of Toledo, United Way of Greater Toledo, the University of Toledo Alumni Association, and the Zonta Club of Toledo. Her efforts have earned her awards of recognition including the Tribute to Women in Industry, Women in Communication, Alpha Omicron Pi Fraternity, and Juvenile Diabetes Foundation honoree.

For forty years, Jan McBride has given of herself to her career and the causes in which she believes. She leaves our community richer, stronger, healthier, and kinder. I know my colleagues join me in wishing Jan McBride well as she writes new chapters in her book of life. Onward!

CONGRATULATING ROBERT L. SATCHER—A MEMBER OF NASA'S 2004 ASTRONAUT CANDIDATE CLASS

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2004*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the eleven men and women of NASA's 2004 Astronaut Candidate Class. I especially want to congratulate one of the astronauts, Dr. Robert L. Satcher Jr., who is a constituent of mine, the 7th District of Illinois.

Dr. Robert L. Satcher, Jr., was born in Hampton, Virginia to Robert L. Sr. and Marian H. Satcher; in 1965 and currently lives in Oak Park, Illinois with his wife D'Juanna White. He received his Bachelors of Science in Chemical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1986. In 1993 and 1994 he received his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering at MIT and his M.D. at Harvard University respectively. He is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Northwestern University, The Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois.

Today is a proud day for space in the 7th District of Illinois, the United States and the world. These eleven men and women represent the next generation of explorers; they are the ones who will lead us into the future of space exploration, of the Moon, Mars and beyond. They will serve as role models to teach and excite the future generation of explorers.

Mr. Speaker, once again I congratulate these men and women on their hard work, dedication and this great accomplishment and wish them luck as they embark on this journey.

**HONORING WEST NEW YORK  
LEONES CUBANOS DE HUDSON**

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2004*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson in celebration of its 25th anniversary. The West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson commemorated their 25th anniversary on Saturday, April 24, 2004, at the Landmark in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson is the largest Lions Club in the State of New Jersey, and the fourth largest in the United States. With a membership of 260 dedicated men and women, the West New York Lions Club has been able to take an active role in civic, cultural, and social events. A non-political and non-sectarian group, the Lions Club is renowned for its sight-related programs, providing services to the blind, including guide dogs, walking canes, and vocational training.

Since 1979, the West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson has done an exceptional service for its community with the help of dedicated individuals. Working with local churches, hospitals, clinics, summer programs, shelters,